

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PROMPT PAYMENT REPORT

For the Year Ended September 30, 1996

	Current Year
I. Invoices Paid Subject to the Prompt Payment Act and OMB Circular A-125:	
A. Dollar Amount	\$5,065,617,303
B. Number	864,947
II. Invoices Paid Late:*	
A. Dollar Value of Invoices	\$178,480,973
B. Number	58,261
C. Late Payment Interest Penalties Paid:	
1. Dollar Amount	\$1,772,027
2. Number	40,820
3. Relative Frequency	4.72%
D. Additional Penalties Paid For Failure to Pay Interest Penalties:	
1. Dollar Amount	\$0
2. Number	0
3. Relative Frequency	0.00%
E. Reasons Why Interest or Other Late Payment Penalties Were Incurred. Rank From Highest to Lowest According to Frequency of Occurrence.	
1. Delay in Paying Office's Receipt of:	
a. Receiving Report	1
b. Proper Invoice	2
c. Purchase Order or Contract	5
2. Delay or Error by paying office in:	
a. taking discount	4
b. notifying vendor of defective invoice	3
c. computer or other system processing	6

* For contracts awarded prior to April 1, 1989, include payments after the grace period. For contracts awarded or modified after March 31, 1989, include payments after the due date.

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F. Interest and Other Late Payment Penalties Which Were Due But Not Paid:	
1. Total	
a. Interest Dollars	\$26,772
b. Number	17,441
2. Because Amount Less Than \$1.00:	
a. Interest Dollars	\$4,417
b. Number	14,543
3. For other reason:	
a. Interest Dollars	\$22,355
b. Number	2,898
c. Specify reasons	
1. Manual payments	
2. System problems	
3.	
III. Invoices Paid 1-15 Days After The Due Date:**	
A. Dollar Amount	\$7,440,159
B. Number	433
C. Relative Frequency	0.05%
IV. Invoices Paid 8 Days or More Before the Due Date (Except Where Cash Discounts Taken):	
A. Subject to a Determination Under Section 4.I. of Circular A-125:	
1. Dollar Amount	\$26,119
2. Number	7
3. Relative Frequency	0.00%
B. Not Subject to a Determination Under Section 4.I. of Circular A-125	
1. Dollar Amount	\$12,116,459
2. Number	10,595
3. Relative Frequency	1.2%
V. Discounts:	
A. Number Available	17,770
B. Number Taken	6,982
C. Number Not Taken Because Not Economically Justified	5,161

D. Reasons for Failing to Take Discounts,
in Order of Importance.

1. Processing delays
- 2.
- 3.

** Reporting requirement expires for contracts awarded after
April 1, 1989.

VI. Frequency Distribution of Late Payment Interest Penalties

(For the current year provide data on interest penalties paid as reported in II.C.1. and II.C.2.)

Amount of Penalty	Number of Payments
\$1.00 - \$25.00	28,673
\$25.01 - \$500.00	11,741
\$500.01 - \$1,000.00	278
\$1,000.01 - \$2,500.00	74
\$2,500.01 - \$5,000.00	52
\$5,000.01+	2
Total	40,820